

## COUNTY ROADS WILL SUFFER FOR THE LACK OF MATERIAL

By BILL PRICE.

Construction of county roads from macadam and concrete is likely to be delayed this year because of war conditions, despite the efforts of Engineer Commissioner Knight and his assistant, Col. J. J. Lovine.

This applies particularly to roads of macadam construction, with the difficulty lying in the inability of the district authorities to obtain cars with which to bring rock here from the district quarries at Dickerson, Md. Congested conditions continue on all railroads, little improved since the outbreak of war, and the lack of cars for the Government's renewed activities in rushing to Europe immense supplies of food, munitions, troops, and guns. There is little disposition on the part of railroad authorities, even where it is to help the Federal Capital, to let through short hauls of macadam for necessary roads and repairs of existing roads.

**Ask Preferential Treatment.** General Knight and Colonel Lovine will not resist from pleas to high Government officials for these shipments, holding that Washington ought to be given preferential treatment for national, if not local, reasons.

For the fiscal year 1918, ending June 30 next, Congress appropriated \$418,000 for county roads and streets, and it was decided to divide this of three classes—special, concrete, and macadam. The division gave \$85,000 to asphalt, \$170,000 to concrete, and \$163,000 to macadam. The remainder was for use in gutters and for other purposes.

The roads of streets to be asphalted will be completed before the end of the fiscal year, it was stated today, the contractors for this work being up to date with their labor. Although having difficulties in material and help, they will pull through.

**Concrete Is Favored.** The District has for the last few years been favoring concrete roads and streets to a greater extent than ever before, and in this fiscal year proposes to expand practically as much on concrete as on asphalt and macadam.

One man has the contract for all the roads and streets to be laid this year, but officials state he is having real trouble in getting gravel for the concrete work. The Government is in the market for every ounce of gravel to be had, and will be a heavy bidder for it to use in the various temporary buildings to be put up in Washington in the next six months.

There is doubt whether all concrete roads contracted for will be completed by the end of the fiscal year and a good part of it may go to next fall. About 50 per cent was completed last fall.

Colonel Lovine believes that a properly laid concrete road has great advantages over macadam where the travel is not too heavy. It should, he says, be about six inches deep and the mixture of cement should be rich.

Some of the road scheduled for macadam surfaces have been completed and others are receiving attention, but the majority are going to be slow in getting attention owing to the holding up of macadam shipments.

Both concrete and macadam construction may be affected by labor conditions, it was stated today, but this prospect does not promise the hold-up that lack of material does.

**1917 Projects Uncompleted.** Three important road projects provided for in the appropriation bill of 1917 are still uncompleted, and may be further delayed by macadam troops. These are Massachusetts avenue, from Nebraska avenue to the District line; Sixteenth street, from Montana street to Alaska avenue; and Rhode Island avenue, from South Dakota avenue to the District line. Congress provided for these improvements late in 1916, and the contracts were let before the expiration of the fiscal year 1917.

There was heavy grading to be done on all three thoroughfares before they could be resurfaced. In addition to these and other preliminary work, on Sixteenth street, a big viaduct had to be built at Military road, and this is not quite completed.

**Money Short for Repairs.** A discouraging feature of the county road and street situation in the District this year is the fact that Congress allotted only \$150,000 for repairs of the many hundreds of miles of these roads, which all suffered from the severe winter and the increased traffic.

Congress has granted about this amount for many years, at State.

## Four Artists of the French Stage to Be Seen Here



VALENTINE TESSIER.



LOUIS JOUVET.



PAULETTE NOIZEUX.



CHARLES DULLIN.

## EVERYBODY THERE AND CHARITY BALL IS HUGE SUCCESS

By JEAN ELIOT.

Charlie Chaplin sold Liberty Bonds at the ball given at the Waldorf last evening under the auspices of the American, British, French, Belgian Permanent Blind Relief Fund and took in many thousands of dollars.

William Faverham, with Mrs. Faverham (Julie Opp), came on to the ball after his performance at the Belasco Theater was over. A lady sat in her box in the ballroom, puffing away at a cigarette with utter unconcern and enjoyment. And a pretty girl was killed by her cavalier in the supper room in full view of the assembled company. Verily Washington balls are getting interesting!

The "blind ball," as everybody persisted in calling the entertainment, the name of the organization giving it being a bit too unwieldy, was interesting for other and less spectacular reasons. The music was excellent, and "everybody in town," as well as all manner of people from out of town—was there. The only trouble was that the party broke up too soon, sharp at midnight, an unheard-of thing for a charity ball in Washington.

**Guests awarded.** Such regard for the sacredness of the Sabbath would have been highly commendable had the guests been warned ahead of time, but many arrived fashionably late, some coming from the theaters and others from the hop at Washington Barracks. In consequence, some of the people had hardly reached the ballroom before they were politely but firmly sent home.

Supper—a hooverized supper—was served after the orchestra had departed. That, on the whole, was not a bad idea, the procedure cutting out one trip up and down on scandalously crowded elevators.

President Wilson is honorary head of the Permanent Blind Relief organization in this country, which is under the patronage of the King of England, the King of the Belgians, and the President of the French Republic, and Mrs. Wilson was patroness for the ball last night. They were unable to be present, however, being detained in Baltimore, where the President addressed a mammoth Liberty loan rally.

**Embassy Represented.** The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, who had a box, were in New York, but they were represented by members of the embassy staff. In their box were General Vigier, military attaché of the embassy, and Mme. Vigier; the assistant military attaché, Colonel Collardet; and Mme. Collardet; the Naval Attaché and Mme. de Blampre; and Mrs. John Allan Dougherty.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hewson entertained a box party, their guests including Mrs. Josephus Daniels, the Secretary of the Interior and Mrs. Lane, Mrs. Donald Washington, Miss Gertrude Sturgis, of Boston, and Herman Barney, of New York. Mrs. Hewson, who is secretary of the Washington committee, returned from Florida, where she spent the winter, to attend the ball.

Miss Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks, Charles Chaplin, and Mr. Wagner occupied the President's box. Mrs. James McDonald entertained a box party, her guests including the Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. da Gama, the Belgian minister, Mr. Carter de Marchienne, Senator and Mrs. James Hamilton Lewis, Mrs. F. Burrall Hoffman, Lieut. Albert Hoffman, and W. P. G. Harding.

In the Dupuy Box, Lieut. and Mrs. H. Winfred Dupuy entertained a party in their box, including Capt. and Mme. Lacombe, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Stewart, Mrs. Frank Evans, Miss Margaretta Symons, Alexandre Georgevitch, first secretary of the Serbian Legation, and Capt. Marston, of the British war mission. Congressman and Mrs. Ira Copley, who occupied a box, had among their guests Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Day, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Riley, and Miss Elizabeth Howry.

Colonel and Mrs. Sanger entertained a box party, their guests including a number of young people. Mr. and Mrs. George Arnsby were hosts at a box party, having as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. William Faverham, General Headlam, Charles Towne and Lieutenant Boyer. Congressman and Mrs. Samuel Win-

low entertained a box party, having as their guests Congressman and Mrs. John A. Peters, Mrs. Husted, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander H. Bullock, Major Emerson, Ernest Adams and Randall Barrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Kauffman entertained a party in their box, their guests including Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Logan, Col. and Mrs. Charles McKenney, Mrs. Frederic H. Harris, Captain Barbee, Capt. Ames Brown, and Louis Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Carry and Mr. and Mrs. Edward N. Hurley had guests with them in their box, among them Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Felton and Miss Carry.

**With Mrs. Elkins.** Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins had with her at dinner and in her box at the ball Mrs. T. DeWitt Talmage, Miss Juliet Thompson, Miss Hallie Davis, Walter L. Oliphant, grandson of the late Senator Elkins; Lieutenant Percy, and Mr. Elkins.

Miss Martha Codman's box party included her house guests, Major and Mrs. Louis Livingston Seaman, of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp's guests in their box included Mrs. Isidor Rayner, General and Mrs. McQuinn, Mrs. Verily Washington, Miss Jean Rayner, and Col. Robert E. Lee.

Mrs. E. G. Walker and Mrs. A. W. Brewster entertained a party in their box, their guests including Capt. and Mrs. Perry Belmont and Miss Cameron.

Mrs. Henry Arnold Peckham had a party at dinner and in her box of friends of her daughter, Miss Harriet Peckham; whom she had entertained at dinner earlier in the evening. Mrs. Francis Berger Moser's box party included the minister of Cuba, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Leigh C. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Renfield, and Captain Marlet.

Mrs. Leggett and Mrs. Hollister Stages entertained a double box party, their guests including Justice James Clark McReynolds, Lady Lister-Saye, Miss Rooney, of California; William Dickey, Mr. Hedges, and Elliot Johnson.

**Others Present.** Among others present were Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Gibson and Miss Mary Dunagan Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Baugh, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Crane, Ed. Mrs. Samuel P. G. Ficklen and Miss Davette Ficklen, Miss Elizabeth Houry, Miss Nan Young, James Barclay Young, the Misses Marie and Emil Sims, Miss Cecilia McCallum, Miss Virginia LeSeure, Miss Adelaide Heath, Lieut. and Mrs. Seeley, Miss Ruth Wilson, Miss Carolyn Nash, Miss Mary Anderson, of Cincinnati; Capt. Charles Beckwith, Ralph Totten, Maj. Gen. and Mrs. George Barnett, and Miss Lella Gordon.

General Barnett made the presentation, Mrs. Barnett joining Mrs. James McDonald in her box. Mrs. McDonald, as chairman of the ball committee, headed the receiving line. Others in the line were Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Mrs. Franklin R. Lane, and Mrs. Randolph McKim, Mrs. Newton B. Baker, who was to have made one of the receiving party, remained in Baltimore to keep an engagement to sing for the soldiers. Many prominent men and women served on the various committees and helped to make the ball a complete success.

**WIDOWERS TO WED AGAIN.** SALT LAKE CITY, April 7.—President Joseph F. Smith advised all widowers of the Mormon faith to marry again, unless too old to do so, in an address to several thousand persons at the eighty-eighth annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in session here. President Smith also urged his followers to wear good clothes, and shun shoddy and inferior materials.

## CAPITAL WILL GET TWO GLIMPSES OF FRENCH PLAYERS

Jacques Copeau's "Theater du Vieux Colombier," which has been brought from New York to Paris for tomorrow afternoon and night, takes its name from the old street in the Latin Quarter of Paris on which it was located—"the street of the old pigeon-house." It is the most recent of the many personal theaters which in France are called "dove-cotes," a name which finds its prototype in America as "The Little Theater."

It does not undertake to revolutionize either society or drama, but to renovate the modern theater through the absence of commercialism, the suppression of elaborate "productions" and the so-called "star system," to the advantage of the general rendering of the play and the release of the fervor and of the spirit of the author.

The aim and ambition of the "Theater du Vieux Colombier" is to create a free and entirely disinterested stage, devoted to the masterpieces of the past yet open to modern writers. It represents the aspirations of France of today; it is a theater of the traditions, seeking to give new interpretations to the great classical repertoire.

Transplanted from Paris to New York for at least the period of the war, and subsidized by a board of directors of which Otto H. Kahn is the active spirit, Jacques Copeau's players have been appealing to the intellect, not the senses, this past twenty weeks, with success far beyond expectations at the commencement of so radical a departure from the management of the theater in America at present.

The aim of Jacques Copeau, founder of the "Theater du Vieux Colombier," is to promote the interests of French art in America. A classic, Moliere's "The Miser," will be presented in the afternoon at 2:30, and "The Brothers Karamazov," a modern drama from the novel by Dostoevsky, will be given at 8:15 p. m.

The story of each play is printed in English, set by act, in the program so that it is not necessary to understand French to enjoy the performance. The players of the Theater du Vieux Colombier arrived this morning. Mr. Copeau is having a busy day of it with a luncheon, afternoon reception at Mrs. George Barnett's and a dinner at Mrs. George Vanderbilt's. During the night the stage of Paris, under his supervision, will be transformed to house the comedy, "The Miser," which is to be presented, as in the days of the author, Moliere, de Moliere, Valet de Chambre, du Roi, greatest wit and greatest man in the annals of the French theater.

His plans for tomorrow include a morning "conference," an informal reception at the French high commission, an address before the annual meeting of the Drama League, and at night he appears as one of the brothers in "The Karamazov Brothers," his own dramatization of the famous Russian novel of Dostoevsky.

**MEANS IS FUEL INSPECTOR.** Charles M. Means, Pittsburgh, was yesterday appointed manager of the inspection division of the Fuel Administration, it is announced.

## PELLAGRA IS NOT CAUSED BY CORN, EXPERT DECLARES

Eating corn meal and the other wheat flour substitutes, will make you healthy, wealthy, and patriotic, says the Food Administration.

Wild rumors in circulation that the use of corn meal was causing pellagra brought forth today an explanation from Dr. Alonso E. Taylor, director of the Food Administration, that not only has corn meal nothing at all to do with pellagra, but that it is one of the healthiest foods that can be eaten.

Experiments conducted by the Government have shown that pellagra, which is akin to beriberi, is most prevalent where pure wheat flour has been used with hard or vegetable fat, and vegetables, and other greens eliminated from the diet.

**THREE ARMY ENGINEERS INJURED BY EXPLOSION**

ANNISTON, Ala., April 7.—Three members of Company E, 104th Engineer Battalion, are today suffering from injuries received when fifty detonation caps mysteriously exploded with great force late yesterday. The victims, who were riding on the occasion, which was a foggy day, were: Christian W. Carlton, Atlantic City; Frederick Hamilton and Arthur W. Tausig, of Jersey City.

## FIR AND YELLOW-PINE WOOD PRICES FIXED

Prices to be paid for fir and yellow pine wood to be used by industries doing war work have been fixed by the price-fixing committee of the war industries board, of which Dr. F. W. Taussig is chairman.

The maximum price for fir logs in the Pacific Northwest will be \$10 per 1,000 feet for No. 1; \$12.50 for No. 2, and \$10 for No. 3. West coast timber thirty-four feet and longer, will get a price of \$8 over the price of May, 1915.

The yellow pine prices will remain at the figure fixed by the Southern pine emergency bureau, with the exception of timber in Georgia and Florida, for which \$1 per 1,000 feet additional will be allowed.

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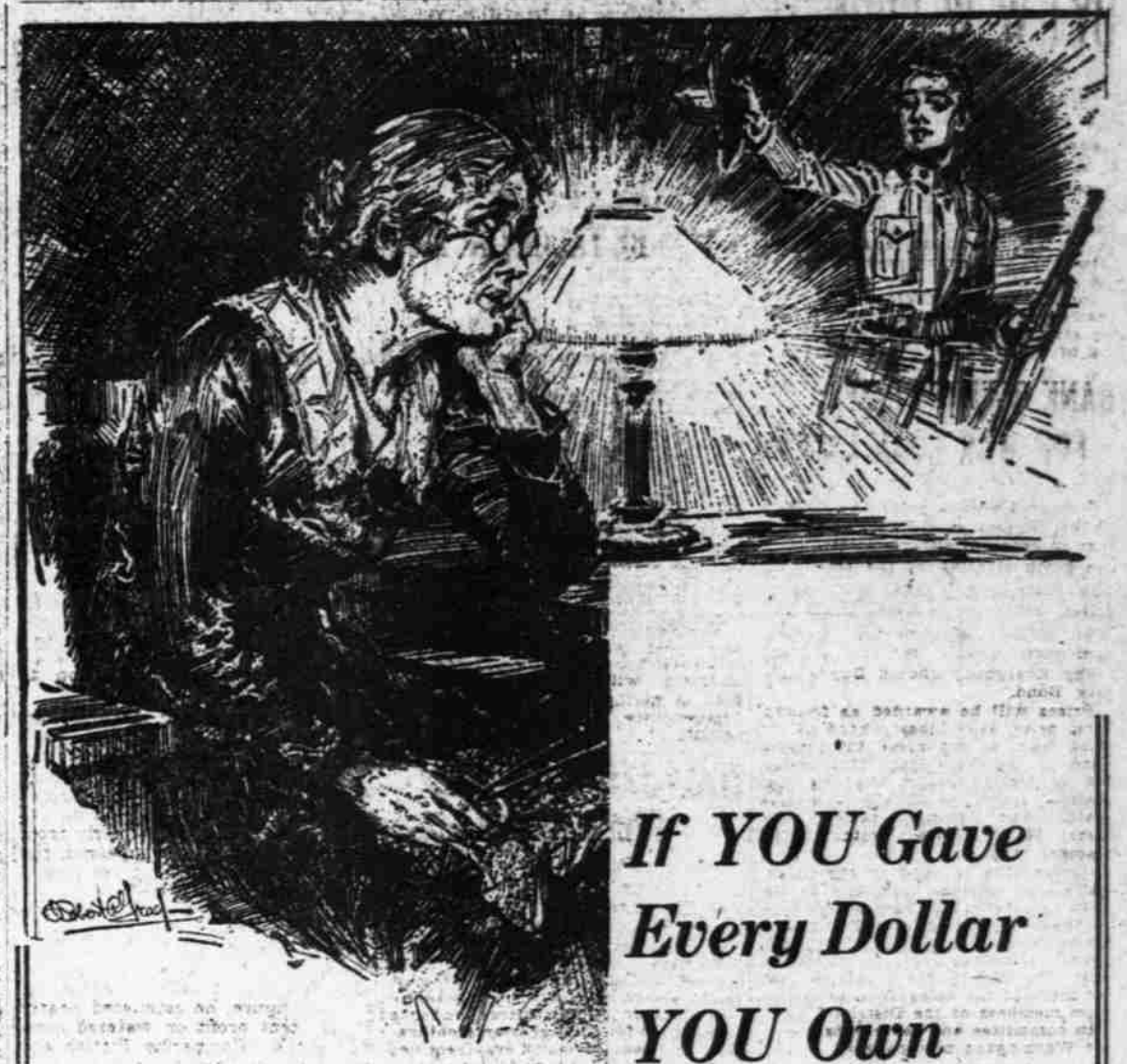
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